

# Case of Using SCORM in the Cyber Home Learning System

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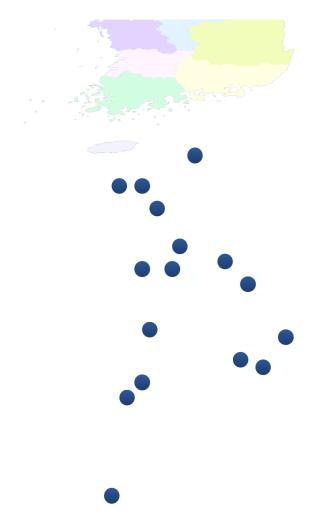
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# 1. Overview of the Cyber Home Learning System (CHLS)



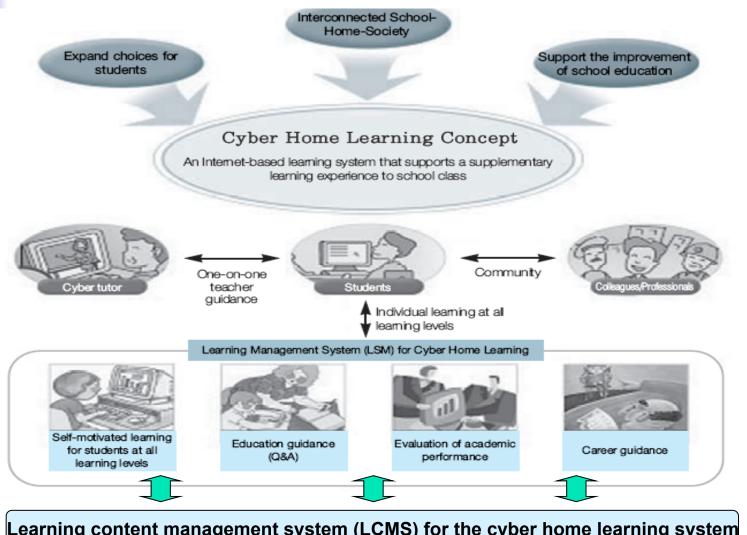
# 1. Overview of the Cyber Home Learning System (CHLS)



- A pilot e-Learning system developed jointly by the Ministry of Education and Human Resources (MoE), Korea Education and Research Information Service (KERIS), and 16 Metropolitan and Provincial Offices of Education (MPOE) since 2004
- First e-Learning system to be distributed nationwide and applied to the K-12 areas
- ☐ Currently, around 840,000 students using the distributed Cyber Home Learning System
- An organic system consisting of learning resources, human resources, and environmental resources to support the students and customize the online learning program according to their abilities
- ☐ Individualized teacher's help available to facilitate the progress of the students right at the convenience of their own homes and according to their own time and method, thanks to the Internet



# 1-1. Conceptual Diagram



Learning content management system (LCMS) for the cyber home learning system



# 1-2. Role Expectation for CHLS Development

#### KERIS

- Production and distribution of guidelines for Cyber Home Learning System development
  - \* The guidelines are continuously revised to incorporate the new requirements of local governments.
- Development of standardized LCMS common functions, training of MPOE employees, and technical support
- Gateway for the management, sharing, and distribution of standardized contents

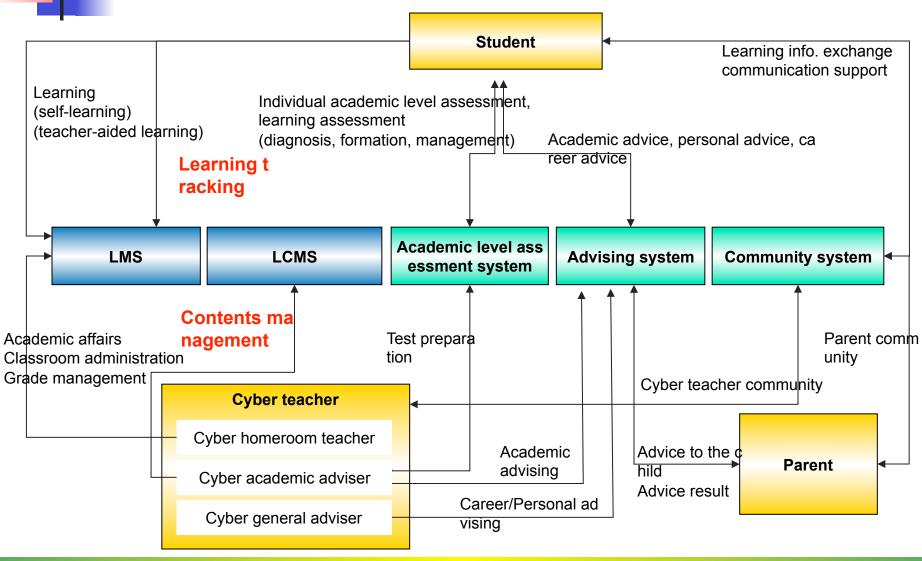
#### MPOE

- Implements the LMS project in accordance with MPOE criteria (objective, budget, etc.)
- Linked with standardized, common LCMS functions
- Development of a system integrating the LMS/LCMS and CHLS of MPOE modules (assessment of academic level, advisory service, community, etc.)

#### 1. CHLS Overview



# 1-3. Service System Workflow





# 1-4. Why SCORM 2004 Specification?

#### ☐ Content aggregation model (packaging)

- To share and distribute KERIS's elementary school level contents in a standardized manner and middle school level contents as partially developed by each of the 16 MPOEs
  - \* All 17 organizations are operating their own separate servers and learning management systems.

#### ☐ CMI data model and API instance

- To deliver the partially developed contents in standardized format different from LMS and to maintain scoring consistency for the contents including assessment

#### ☐ Sequencing and navigation rule

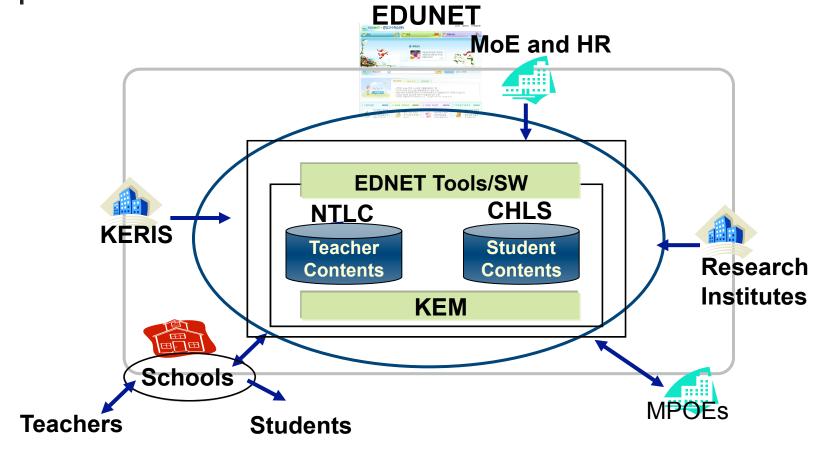
- To ensure that the dynamic learning path of the contents developed in units of sharable content object (SCO) is consistently formed in all service providers in accordance with the original intention of the contents developer

#### **☐** Metadata for learning resources

- KEM as Korea's standard Educational Metadata Specification, exhibiting compatibility with the LOM-based or DC-based metadata specification



# 1-5. Case Study of KEM Application (reference)



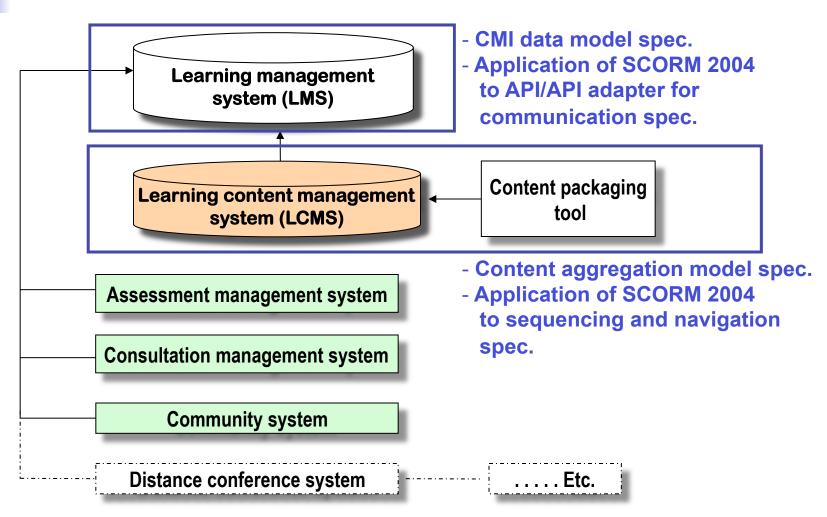
- NTLC: National Teaching-Learning Center services at the asset level
- CHLS: Cyber Home Learning System for students' services at the LO level



# 2. SCORM Application to CHLS



# 2. SCORM Specification Applied to CHLS

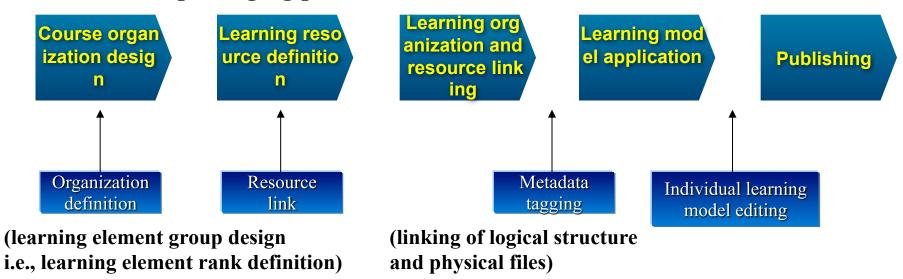


(\*ref: KERIS's ISP report on the design and construction of Cyber Home Learning, 2004)



## 2-1. Content Aggregation Model (CAM) Application Process

#### Content packaging process

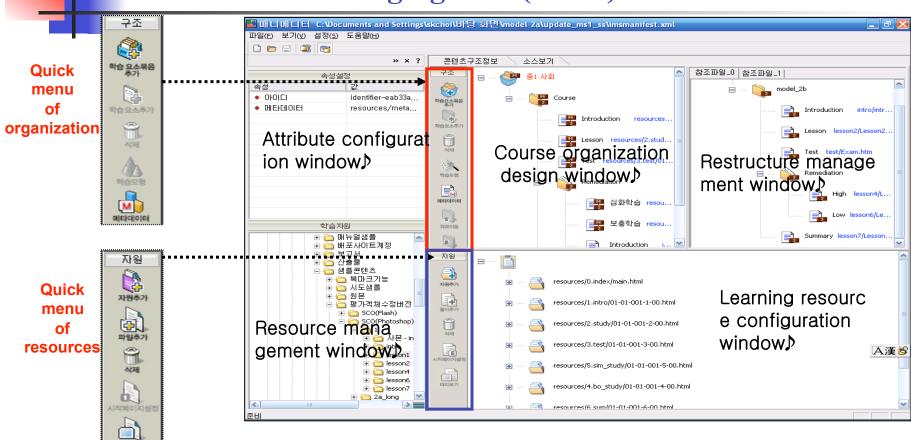


#### Notes

- Metadata is commonly applied when prepared from either SCO (learning resource domain) or activity (course organization domain).
- UI is limited to metadata editing only from the course organization design domain and metadata entry only for "organization" and "item".

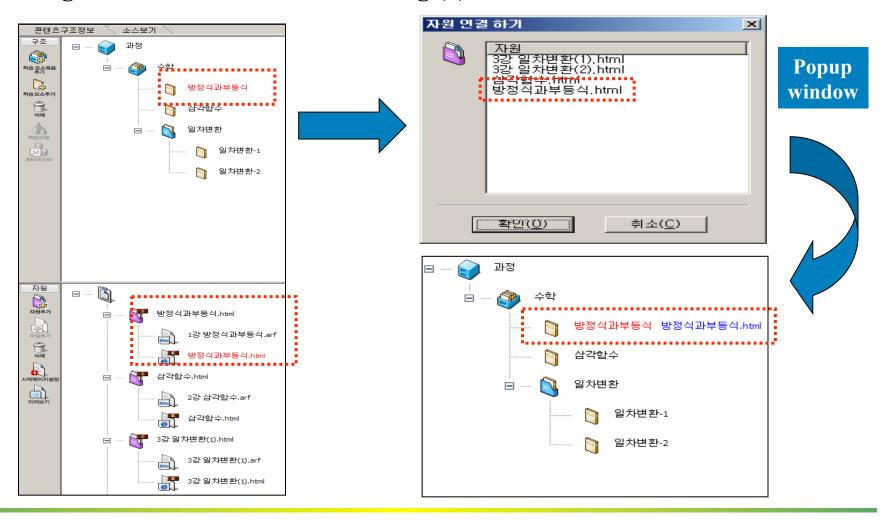
#### 2. SCORM Application





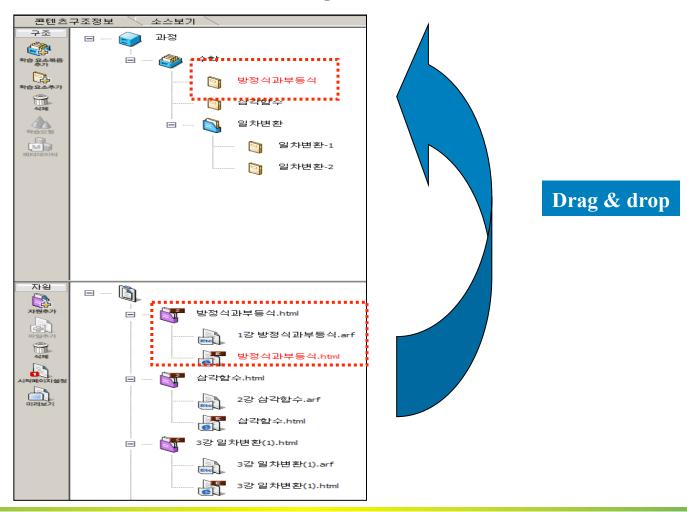
- Course structure design window: Editing (add, delete, move, etc.) of learning object (rank definition)
- Learning resource configuration window: Physical file labeling and resource addition
- Attribute configuration window: Learning object and resource attribute editing
- Resource management window: Packaging root folder resource search and management (media, image, sound)

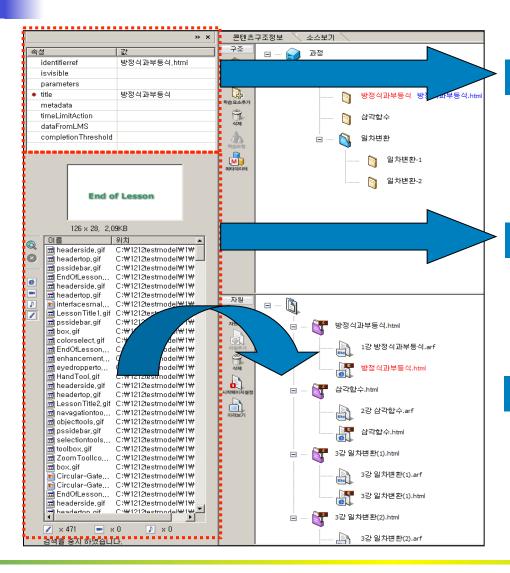
Organization and resources linking (1)





Organization and resources linking (2)





#### **Edit properties**

- Organization elements
- Resource elements

#### Resources management

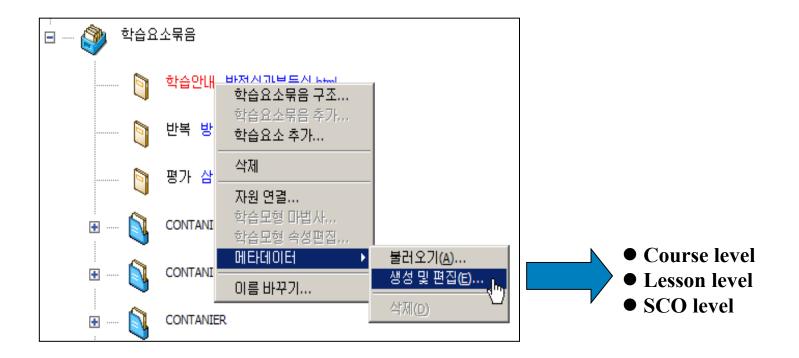
Media, sound, image preview, etc.

#### Drag and drop

 Supports the drag and drop function from the resource management window to the property setting window



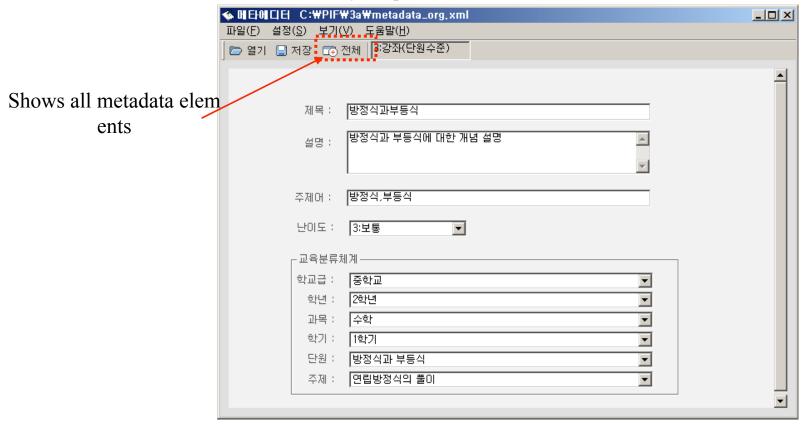
Popup menu for metadata editing



\*The mandatory elements (title, description, classification, etc) of the metadata must be entered in detail since they can be referred to when the course is opened from LMS or retrieved by LCMS.

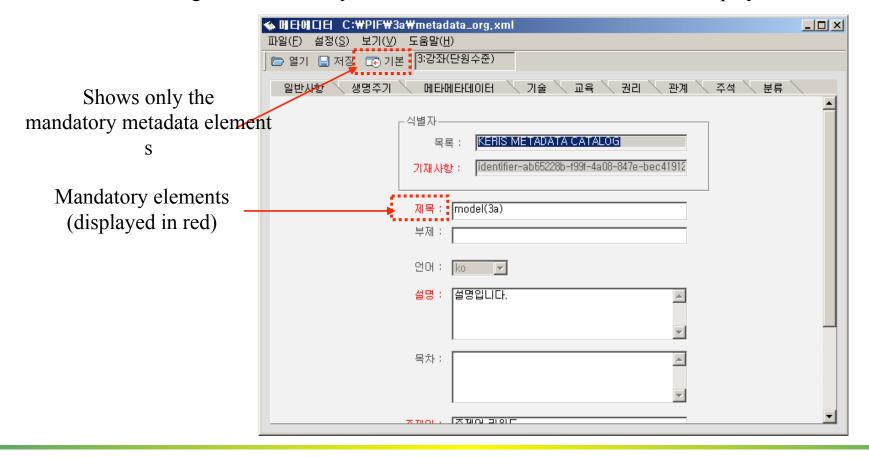


- Metadata editing display (Mandatory elements)
  - Initially, only the basic (mandatory) elements are displayed (other elements are automatically configured with default values).
  - To edit other elements (mandatory + optional) elements, click View All.





- Metadata editing display (all elements)
  - This display divides all elements into 9 categories.
  - Clicking View Mandatory Elements causes the initial screen to be displayed.





#### Efforts toward content aggregation model application

- Development of user interface to facilitate CAM application even without full knowledge of the SCORM specification not well known
- Shorter work duration and improved learning effect by providing CAM templates
- Emphasis on the need for standardization through regular education/training programs for MPOE officials, developers, and operators

#### Difficulties in content aggregation model application

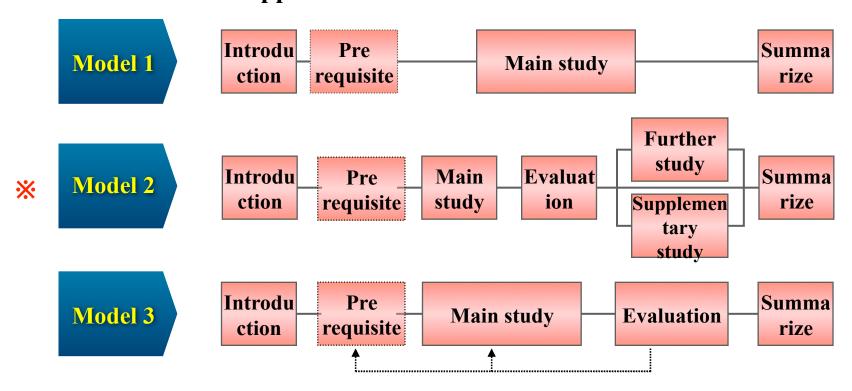
- Determining the aggregation level (granularity) from the design phase requires longer time and trial and error
  - \* Considering the development schedule and learning procedure, the first lecture (introduction
- main study, evaluation, summarize, etc-, one hour) was classified as an SCO (learning activity) unit.
- Currently discussing how to satisfy the requirement to embed the RTE engine and conformance test tool in the content packaging tool





# 2-3. Model for Applying Sequencing and Navigation (SN)

#### 3 content models applied to CHLS



# Branching type

■ For Model 2 and Model 3, automatic branching by assessment score and selective branching by learner allowed; Model 2 is more widely used, however

#### 2. SCORM Application



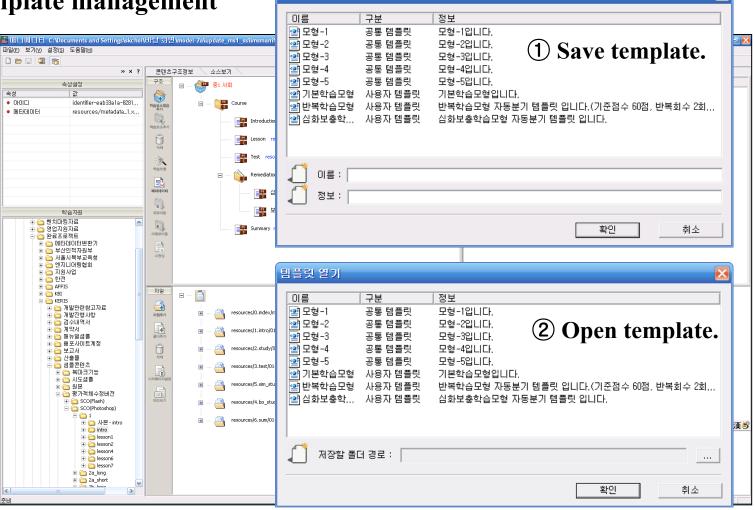
# 2-4. Content Packaging Tool (SN)

Sequencing and navigation wizard



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SN template management

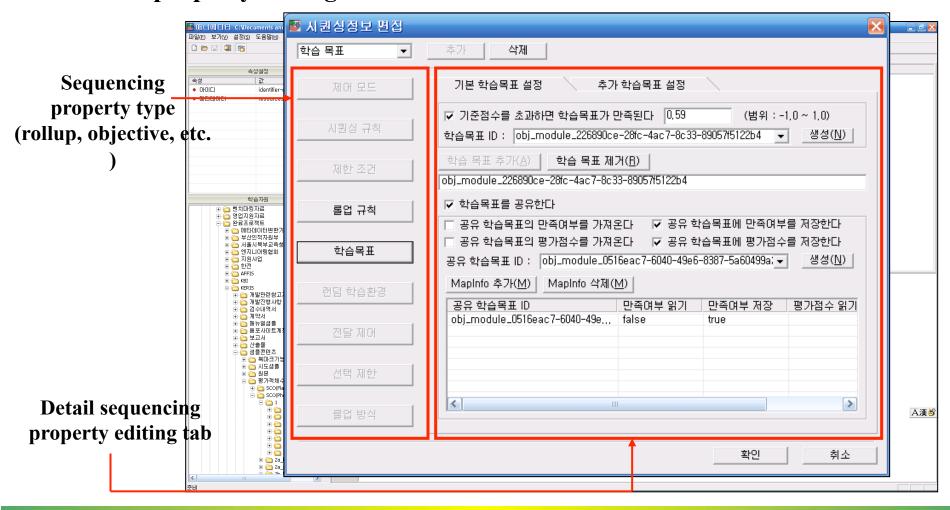


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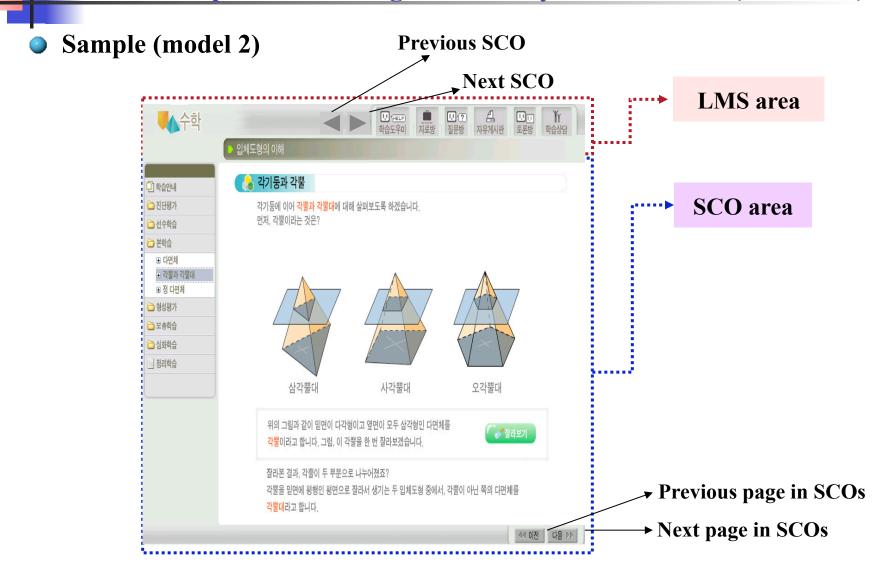


# 2-4. Content Packaging Tool (SN)

SN property management



# 2-4. Example of Learning Window by SN Standard (reference)





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### Efforts toward sequencing and navigation rule application

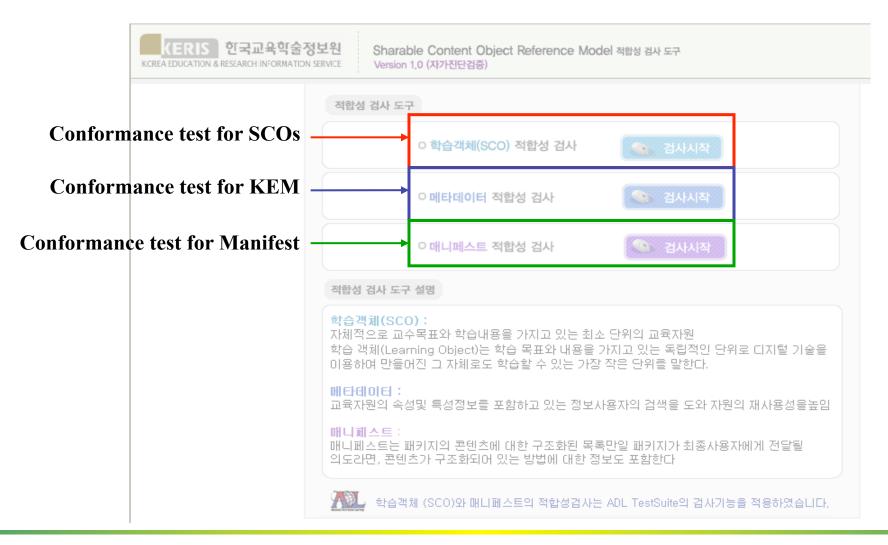
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# Difficulties in sequencing and navigation rule application

- Cannot satisfy demand from the field to use auxiliary resources for K-12 contents
- \* For example, the syllabus, dictionary (e.g., foreign language subjects), and foreign language pronunciation correction tool are most often designed as auxiliary resources.
- Cannot satisfy demand from the field to include cooperative learning such as the bulletin board and discussion in on-cum-offline lecture or contents
- Cannot satisfy demand to improve the sequencing definition of the Manifest file for better efficiency (e.g., source code extended by the repeat count of remediation)

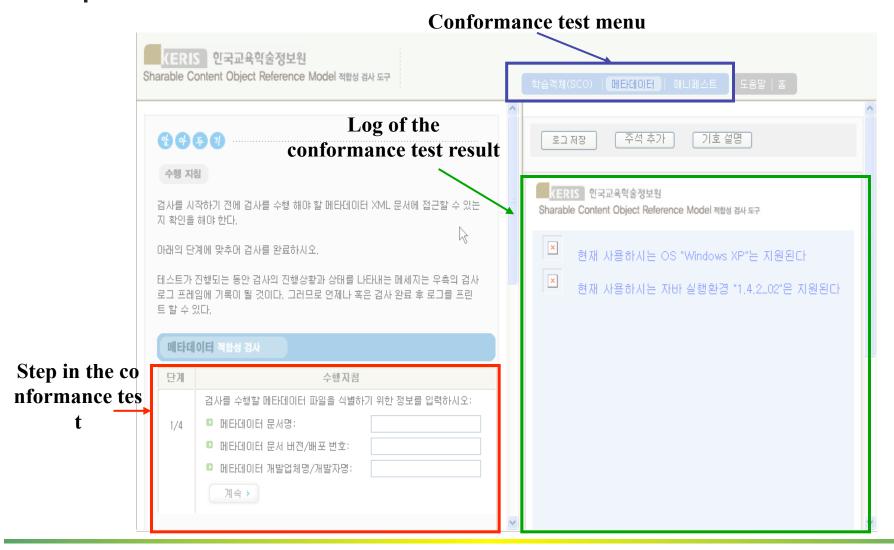


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#### Efforts toward conformance test tool application

- Development of user interface to facilitate CAM application even without full knowledge of the SCORM specification not well known
- Education/training to emphasize that the conformance test is a prerequisite to seamless contents sharing and distribution
- Regular education/training programs for MPOE officials, developers, and operators

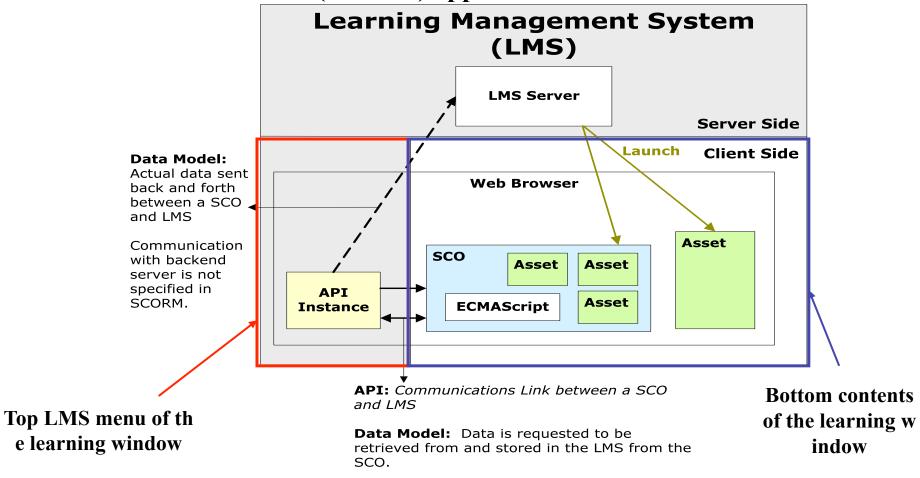
### Difficulties in sequencing and navigation rule application

- Field demanding the conformance test tool for communicating with LMS such as the test suite distributed by ADL, although its localization has yet to be started
- Since operating only under the JDK 1.4.2 version, demand for improvement in its use without the need to install JDK by supplying the tool with embedded JRE



# 2-6. Data Model and API (instance)

Data model and API (instance) application



<Photo source: SCORM Run-Time Environment version 1.3, ADL (2004)>



# 2-6. Data Model and API (instance)

Sample of learning window with data model and API (instance)



LMS area frame

The data model and sample code (HTML template wind ow) with SCORM API are provided to MPOE for learn er tracking and communicat ion with LMS.

\* The sequencing and navi gation instance is also included in the LMS area frame.

**Contents area frame** 



# 2-6. Data Model and API (instance)

#### Efforts toward data model and API (instance) application

- Development of user interface to facilitate CAM application even without full knowledge of the SCORM specification not well known
- Shorter development period and improved learning effectiveness by providing the HTML template window for data model and API (instance)
- Regular education/training programs for MPOE officials, developers, and operators

#### Difficulties in data model and API (instance) application

- Improvement project ongoing as of 2005 to address the problem of LMS API instance performance deterioration in case of the sudden influx of simultaneous users
- Effort drastically increased to satisfy the additional requirements for utilizing cooperative learning and auxiliary resource since data models must be added

# 2-7. Learning Contents Management System (LCMS)

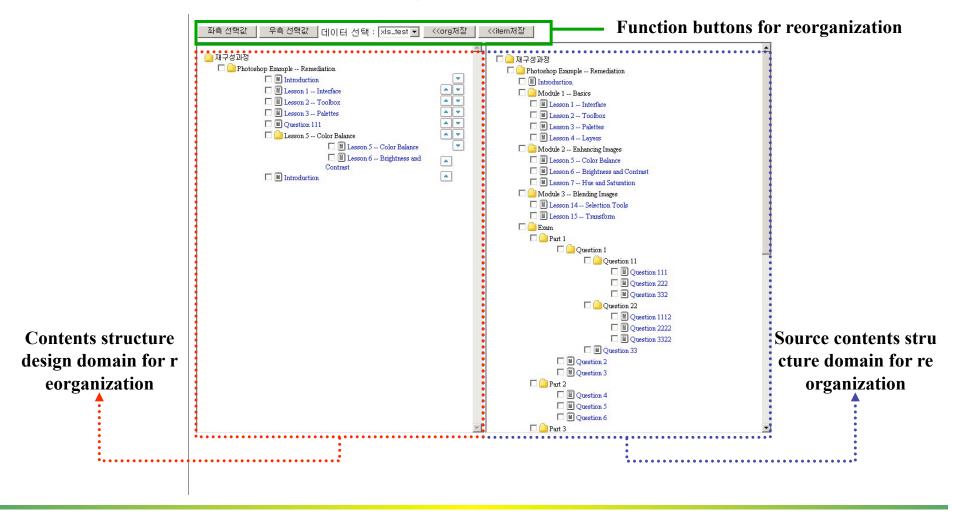
LCMS development and distribution (open source) \*Key function for linking with LMS





# 2-7. Learning Contents Management System (LCMS)

LCMS screen sample (reorganization)





# 2-7. Learning Contents Management System (LCMS)

#### Efforts toward LCMS application with SCORM specification

- Open source provided to facilitate independent linking with LMS per MPOE
- Sample code provided to shorten the development time for linking LCMS and LMS and to improve learning effectiveness
- Regular education/training programs for MPOE officials, developers, and operators

### Difficulties in LCMS application with SCORM specification

- When the remote resource is defined as SCO inside the Manifest, programs sometimes failing to run because of an MS Explorer security problem
- Not enough time to respond to additional requirements such as contents reorganization (reorganization function applied as a pilot system in 2004 and included in the improvement project in 2005)



# 3. Proposed SCORM Specification Improvement for CHLS



## 3. SCORM Improvement for CHLS

#### Jump control and auxiliary resource application

- Improvement in the efficiency of the manifest structure definition and enhancement of system performance
- Plan for the sharing and distribution of contents including the auxiliary resource and diversification of the content types

### Addition of support activity linked with the contents

- Proposed SCROM specification improvement to support the contents-linked support activity (also called collaborative learning activity)
- Increased utilization of good digital educational resources in schools by allowing the definition of on-cum-offline lectures in manifest

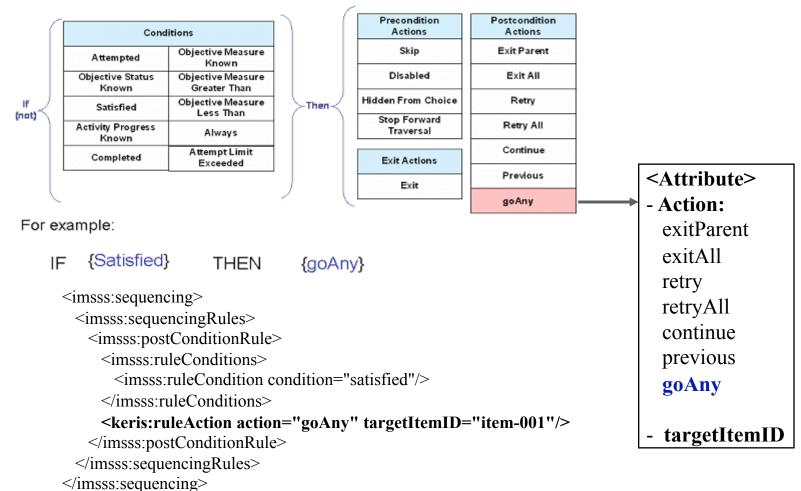
## Addition of simple competency linked with the contents

 Seeking the solution of sequencing and navigation using the result of the assessment system linked to systems outside LCMS



## 3-1. Jump Control and Auxiliary Resource Application

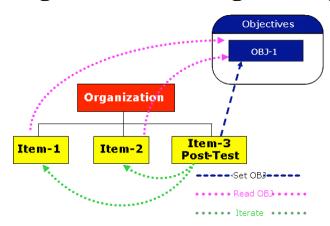
Flexibility of the contents structure using jump control



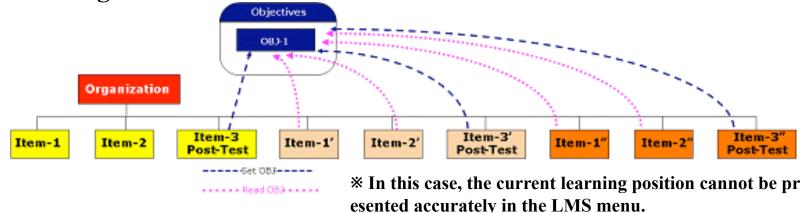


## 3-1. Jump Control and Auxiliary Resource Application

Original lecture design and operation after the addition of jump control



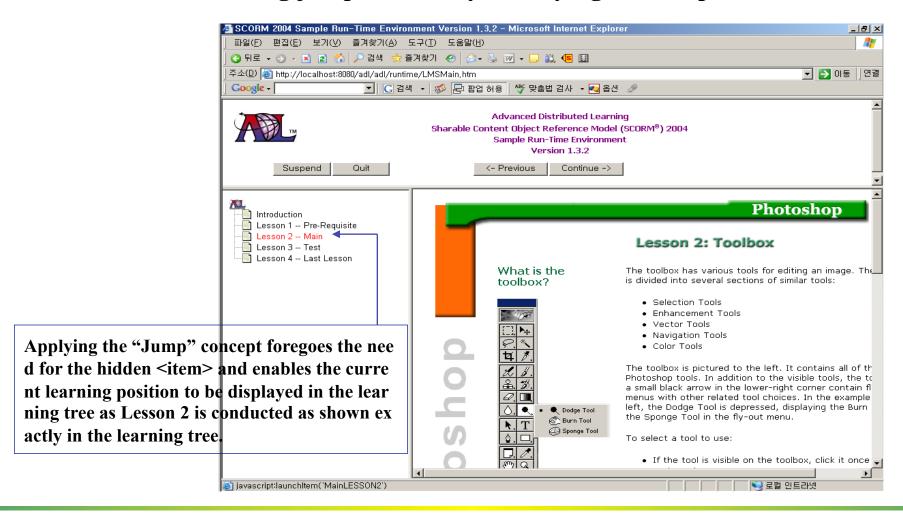
Current structure for two time repeat under the current sequencing and navigation rule



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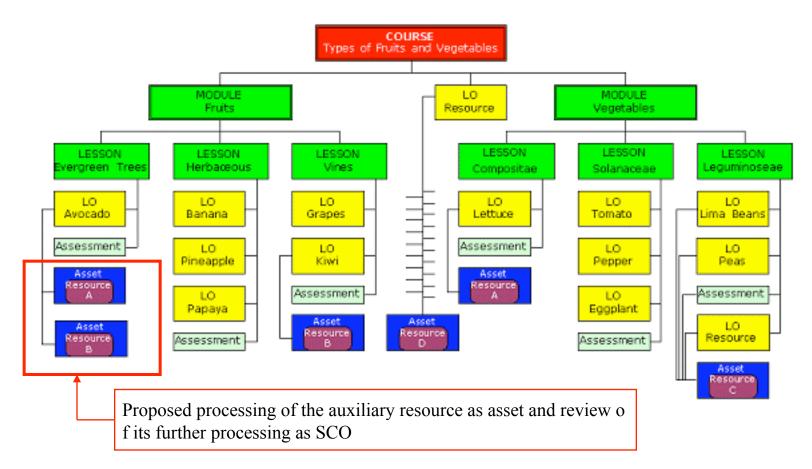
Result of adding jump control by modifying the sample RTE



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## 3-1. Jump Control and Auxiliary Resource Application

Diversification of resource utilization with auxiliary resource

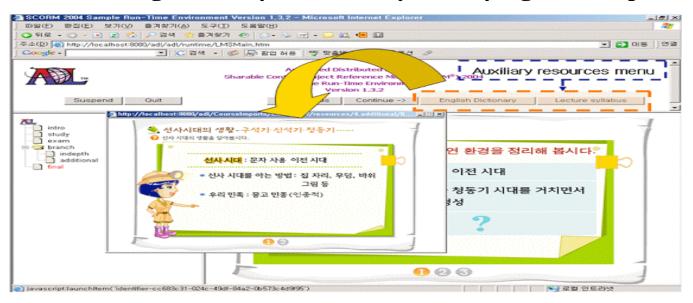


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## 3-1. Jump Control and Auxiliary Resource Application

Result of using auxiliary resource by modifying the sample RTE



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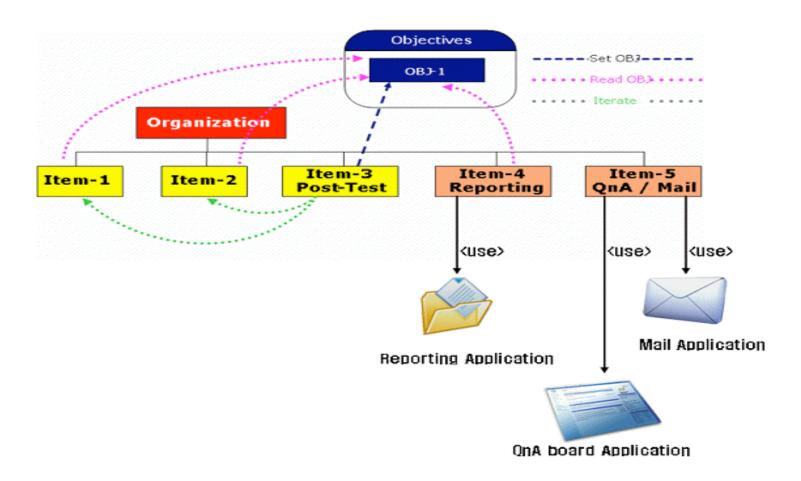
- <title>Content with Aux. Resources</title>
- <imsss:sequencing>
  - <keris:auxResources>
    - <keris:auxResource title="English Dictionary" identifier="aR-01" identifierref="aR-01-Resource"/>
    - <keris:auxResource title="Syllabus" identifier="aR-02" identifierref="aR-02-Resource"/>
  - </keris:auxResources>
- </imsss:sequencing>
- </item>





## 3-2. Addition of Contents-linked Support Activity

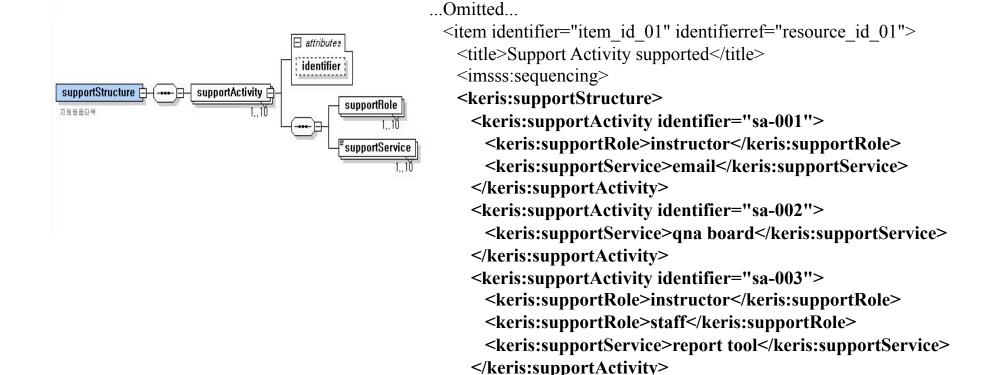
Learning activity with added support activity





## 3-2. Addition of Contents-linked Support Activity

Addition to the manifest structure



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Omitted

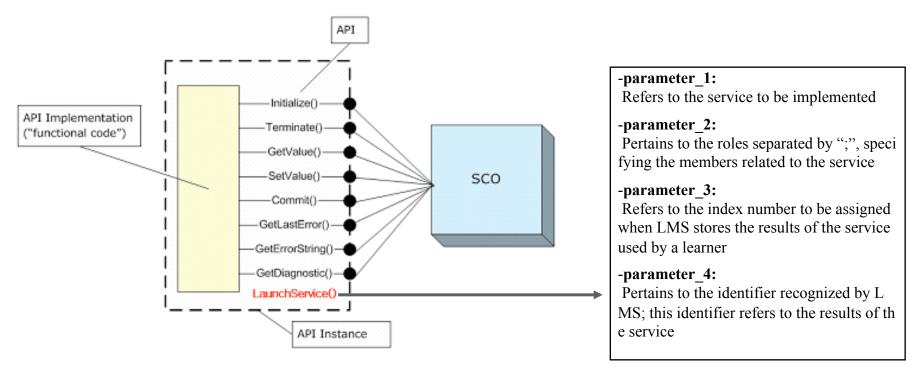
</keris:supportStructure>

#### 3. SCORM Improvement



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#### Addition to API



e.g., return value = LaunchService(parameter 1, parameter 2, parameter 3)

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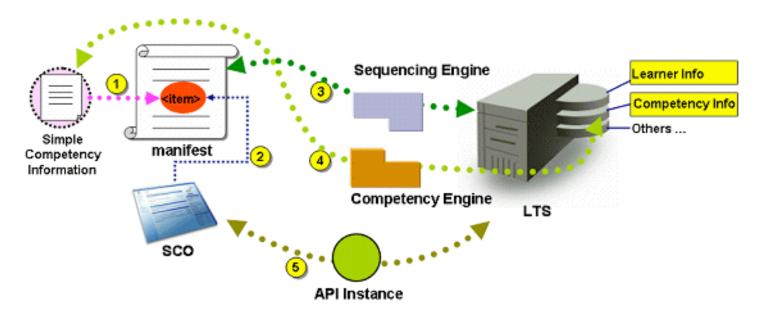


#### Addition to the data model

No	Data Model	Examples
1	keris.supportactivitycount	GetValue("keris.supportactivitycount")
2	keris.supportactivity.n.id	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.0.id")
3	keris.supportactivity.n.rolecount	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.rolecount")
4	keris.supportactivity.n.role.n.type	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.role.n.type")
5	keris.supportactivity.n.role.n.type.instancecount	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.role.n.type.instancecount")
6	keris.supportactivity.n.role.n.type.instance.n.id	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.role.n.type.instance.n.id")
7	keris.supportactivity.n.role.n.type.instance.n.name	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.role.n.type.instance.n.name")
8	keris.supportactivity.n.role.n.type.instance.n.emailaddress	GetValue ("keris.supportactivity.n.role.n.type.instance.n.emailaddress")
9	keris.supportactivity.n.service.type	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.service.type")
10	keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage_status	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage_status") SetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage_status", "true") SetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage_status", "false")
11	keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usagecount	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usagecount")
12	keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage.n.i	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage.n.id")
13	keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage.n.date	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage.n.date")
14	keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage.n.title	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage.n.title")
15	keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage.n.score	GetValue("keris.supportactivity.n.service.type.usage.n.score")

## 3-3. Addition to Contents-linked Simple Competency

Workflow of competency information (scenario)



- ① Simple competency information embedded as a <competencyStructure> sub-element under the leaf <item> element in the manifest file
- ② SCO (or asset in some cases) linked to the competency information-related <item>
- ③ When the learning paths defined in the manifest file are dynamically executed by the Sequencing Engine, thereby coming across
- 4 Leaf <item> defined in the competency information (refer to the next slide)
- (5) Contents linked to the <item> launched



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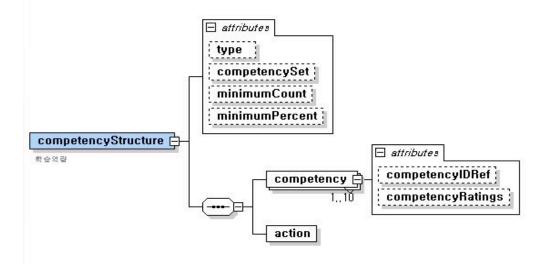
- Workflow of competency information (scenario)
- 4 Leaf <item> is defined in the competency information as follows:
  - **4-1** The sequencing engine transfers the learning workflow execution authorization to the competency engine.
  - **4-2** The competency engine analyzes the competency information to determine whether or not the <item> should be learned.
  - **①-3** If the <item> needs to be learned, the competency engine transfers the execution authorization of the subsequent learning workflow to the sequencing engine with "continue" as the return value. The sequencing engine then conducts the learning according to its own sequencing rule. In this case, the learning of the <item> may be bypassed according to the sequencing rule, since the return value of "continue" does not mean that the SCO or asset linked to the <item> must be executed; instead, it suggests that the learning workflow execution authorization is transferred. When the contents are launched, the overall workflow continues on to "⑤" below; going back to "③" above if the contents are skipped by the sequencing engine.
  - **4-4** If there is no need to learn the <item>, the competency engine transfers the execution authorization to the sequencing engine with "skip" as the return value. The sequencing engine then skips the <item> without processing the sequencing and launching the contents. In this case, the overall workflow goes back to "3" above.
  - **4-5** If the competency engine transfers the learning workflow execution authorization to the sequencing engine without utilizing the competency information, the sequencing engine is called with "ignore" as the return value. In this case, the sequencing engine ignores competency information-related processing.





## 3-3. Addition of Contents-linked Simple Competency

#### Addition to the manifest structure



#### ...Omitted...

- <item identifier="item id 01" identifierref="resource id 01">
  - <title>Support Activity supported</title>
  - <keris:competencyStructure type="active" competencySet="all">
    - <keris:competency title="English Speaking" competencyIDRef="competency-001-01" competencyRatings="Excellent" />
  - <keris:competency title="English Writing" competencyIDRef="competency-001-02" competencyRatings="Good" />
  - <keris:action>continue</keris:action>
  - </keris:competencyStructure>
  - <imsss:sequencing>
- </item>...Omitted...





#### Addition to the data model

No	Data Model	Examples
1	keris.competency.isable	GetValue("keris.competency.isable")
2	keris.competency.target_ids	GetValue("keris.competency.target_ids")
3	keris.competency.rating_up	SetValue("keris.competency.rating_up", "competency_id_001_01")
4	keris.competency.rating_down	SetValue("keris.competency.rating_down", "competency_id_001_01")



## 4. Conclusion



## 4. Conclusion and Future Research Directions

### Best practice and sample RTE update

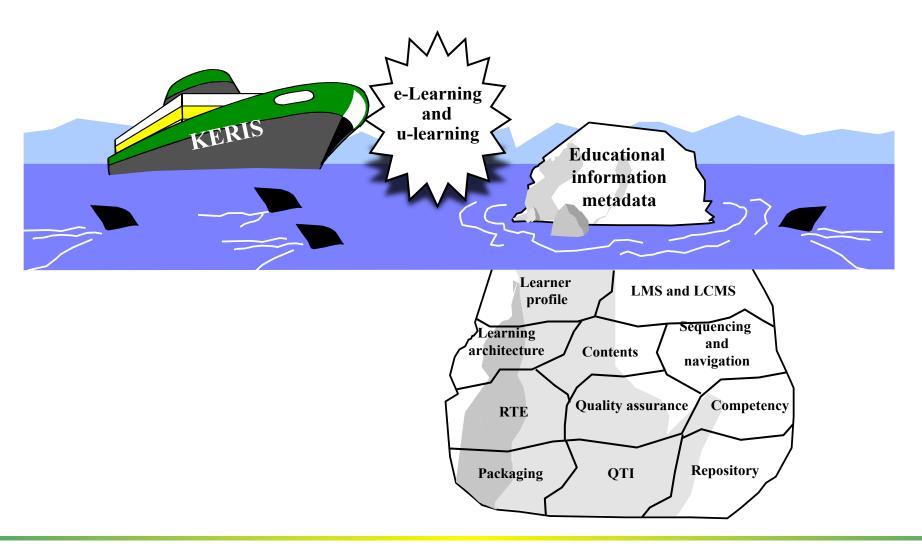
- Development of best practice with added jump control and auxiliary resource
- Development of best practice and sample RTE with support activity function added
- Development of best practice and sample RTE with simple competency function added
- Research for application stage to the field and verification study of educational effectiveness

## Need for innovative standardization study and case development

- e-Learning system evolving into a complex system that organically links various functions and systems such as contents, users, assessment, and community, offering more complex contents such as game and simulation
- Need for e-Learning standardization specification to respond promptly to such development



## **KERIS's Standardization Efforts**





Walking along this path by ourselves would be too lonely Would you care to join us?

- e-Learning Innovation Team, KERIS -